SAND CASTLE NEWS

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Message from the President

For everyone, this continues to be an unusual year. Things which we never thought we would become familiar with such as social distance, mask wearing, and limits on how we can socialize and shop have become a normal part of our lives. For those of us here in the SCCA, it meant that we had to cancel both our parks clean up day, our annual barbeque, and delay the opening of our boat ramp.

However, as things begin to open up again and rules are loosening, we are confident that we can hold our Annual General Meeting as scheduled on Saturday, August 28 at 2 p.m. In order to accommodate any ongoing requirement for social distancing, we will hold the meeting in the ball field rather than in the picnic area. This gives us more room to spread out. We do ask that you bring a chair with you as we will not be able to use our picnic tables as in the past.

The purpose of our AGM is to update all members on what has been done during the previous year and brief you on our plans for the upcoming year. It is also your opportunity to pose questions to the executive members, and make your ideas known to us and your fellow members. It is important that you attend, as this is your community and you should know what is going on and have a say in its future. If there are any items that require a vote, each lot owner who is up to date on their lot levy payment is entitled to one vote. If you own multiple lots, you will have a vote for each lot owned and for which your lot levies are paid.

Along with this newsletter, you will find some attachments, including an agenda for the AGM. If you have any items which you want added to the agenda under new business, please send them to me directly and they will be added. Also included is the financial statement for our fiscal year ended June 30, 2021 which will be discussed during the Treasurer's report at the AGM. A copy of the safety rules is also enclosed for you. Please ensure that your guests, and renters if you have any, are made aware of these rules.

2021 is also an election year for our executive, as our current two year term comes to an end as of the AGM date. There are six positions on the Executive: President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer, Parks Director, Recreation Director and Youth Director. A brief summary of the responsibilities for each is included in this newsletter, and you can find it on Page 4.

Three of the current executive are putting their names forward for another two year term. They are Nancy Baboolal - Secretary/Treasurer; Rick Benz - Parks Director; and Sue French -President. Sam Bernardo, the current Vice President, is very busy with personal commitments but will be available to help out in the Association on various projects if needed. The same is true for Teresa Bernardo, our Recreation Director, as she also will continue to be available to help if required. John Barbato, who has served as the Youth Director, will not be running for a position again due to current work and family obligations. I'd like to thank all three individuals for their commitment and hard work.

Although some of our current executive will be available for another term, it is important that you should know that anyone in our association who wishes to be a more active member can put their name forward for any of the six positions. If you are interested, or have any questions about a particular position, please let me know. Your name will be added to the ballot for the election that is held at the end of our AGM.

On another note, we want to be able to communicate with you quickly and effectively, and have found the best way to do so is by email. If we don't already have your email, please send it to any member of the executive.

Lastly, it is important that we all - as taxpayers in Tiny Township keep up to date with any changes that may be enacted in the township. For example, Tiny has recently changed the noise by-law fines. It is easy for you to review these periodically on www.tiny.ca, or by reading the Midland Mirror weekly or the Tiny Cottager when it comes out.

Thanks to everyone who has come forward to volunteer in this community this year. It has been my pleasure to get to know more of you than ever before, as more people have been here during the pandemic. Enjoy the summer, and be safe!

Sue French

The S.C.C.A. Executive Here to help!

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Teresa Bernardo **Recreation Director** *samantreebernardo @gmail.com*	***705-533-0703***

Mark Your Calendars!

To all members ~ this is Election Year!

Saturday, August 28

2 p.m., Park 4

Baseball Field ~ bring a chair!

S.C.C.A. Mailing Address:

S.C.C.A. 9, Bluewater Court, Tiny, ON L9M 0H2

From the Vice-President

Hi, everyone. We are hoping everyone is ok and safe, as it has been another difficult year for everyone. Despite the cancellation of the parks cleanup and annual barbeque due to COVID restrictions, we are still very busy getting things done around our community.
We welcome all volunteers for their help, as we always have a few projects on the go. One of these is the boat ramp. It just recently reopened, as it was delayed because of COVID. Anyone using the ramp to launch a small boat will have to come and bring their old key back to me, sign a new waiver and receive a new key. The usual annual fee for boat ramp users is a $50.00 charge, which reimburses the expenses we incur to maintain the ramp. The charge was reduced to $25.00 for 2021 as we opened the ramp late. This year costs include a dock extension and all the hardware required for this, and webbing to protect the trees on the sand from the beavers who are actively trying to take down everything they see. Obviously, the ramp needs to be cleaned and sand removed after storms. Members using the ramp for small non motorized water crafts like canoes, kayaks, paddle boards and paddle boats will not be charged as you do not require the dock for launching.

I would also like to say welcome to all the new members who have joined us since last year. Your input is always welcome to anyone of our executives, as this will help us improve the community. Lastly, I would like to thank my wife Tree as she has also been actively involved helping me get things done. The normal duties she would normally have as Recreation Director have not happened this year with the cancellation of two of our events, so she has pitched in to make my job easier. We are looking forward to meeting everyone as things start to open up. Enjoy your summer, be safe and see you all soon.

Sam Bernado

SCCA Youth Director Report

Connect with the SCCA on Facebook if you have not yet done so already. Our Facebook Group is a great way for Members to connect and also informs Members of: SCCA and relevant cottage news, SCCA events and volunteer opportunities, a place to collect and archive the history of the SCCA, share photos of the area, and connect with other SCCA members. Members in good standing with valid email addresses on file with the SCCA were invited to join the group.

If you have not received an invite, please send an email to any of the SCCA Executive so that you can be connected to our group. The invite to friend and join the Facebook Group will come from "Tiny Georgian" to join the "Sand Castle Community Association". You can also request an existing member to invite you to the group through Facebook. The email you provide must be associated with your personal Facebook Account to be able to join the group. Note that this group is private and not searchable through Facebook, meaning only those who are invited can access the pages and see the posts.

Please keep interactions kind, respectful and positive - as always if you have any concerns or feedback for the SCCA Executive Committee please reach out to us through email or phone.

John Barbato

IMPORTANT TOWNSHIP CONTACTS & TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Do you need help on who to call with problems that may require: Township By-Law enforcement, garbage /recycling, OPP Assistance etc? Don't ignore the problem, call the relevant number below.

- ***Township Office / General Enquiries****: 705-526-4204*
- ***By-Law Officer:*** *[24 hours] 705-526-4136*
- *For confidential complaints about burning during a fire ban, burning leaves, improper garbage disposal, disturbing/excessive noise.*
- ***Animal Control*** *: 705-549-2289* ***Recycling/Garbage Collection****: 705-735-6901 or 1-800-263-3199*
- *For information about schedules and acceptable materials.*
- ***OPP: Non-emergency:*** *1-888-310-1122*

For confidential complaints concerning road safety - including speeding or reckless driving, ski mobiles on roads, disturbing/excessive noise, suspicious persons or activities, and other safety and security concerns.

- ***Emergency: Police/Fire/Ambulance: 911***

Parks Director Report

Hello everyone. For all our new members, and we have more than a few - Welcome! My name is Rick Benz and I am your Parks Director. We have 40 acres of Parkland and four Beaches in our community, as well as a boat ramp next to Asselin Beach. Each park has a park warden, who is responsible for cutting their park's grass and maintaining the grounds. Of course, we also rely on additional volunteers to assist each park warden and me, as there is a lot of work to do, including fence and trail maintenance, and tree pruning and cutting.

Each park is known by a number. Park 1 is located between Sunrise and Bluewater, and I am the park warden for this park. Park 2 runs between Bluewater and Moonlight, and Ed Henderson with the help of his wife Colette is the park warden for this park. Sam Bernardo, ably assisted by his wife Tree is the warden for Park 3, which runs between Moonlight and Crown. Park 4 is located between Crown and Parklane, and Bill Schumacher is the park warden for 4.

Park 4 also contains our picnic area and ball park. Our annual functions, including the barbeque, AGM and youth activities are generally held in this area. As always, I want to say a sincere thank you to our park wardens, who do an excellent job keeping our property safe and well maintained.

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Every spring we have a Parks Clean Up day, where we remove any limbs, branches and debris that has accumulated over the winter. Because limbs often fall off trees throughout the rest of the year, we ask that you pick up any you see during your walks in the parks and put them in piles, which will be collected a few times during the year.

LDD (gypsy) moths obviously continue to be a problem this year. We are trying to obtain lures for our moth traps, but they are in very short supply. We will put out traps in our parks depending on the number of lures we can obtain and are asking as we did last year for volunteers to empty these traps on a regular basis.

I look forward to seeing you all at the AGM and hear your feedback and suggestions for our parks.

Rick Benz

Words from the Watch

Greetings from the Neighborhood Watch!

In some form or another the watch has been part of SCCA for about 65 years now…and still going strong. This latest version, made up solely of SCCA member volunteers, is about disseminating information to the membership from the executive, and to ensure that the only people using our common property are SCCA members in good standing and their guests. We are not policing or providing security as we have the O.P.P. and Tiny Bylaw Officers for those issues. We are approximately 12 members strong, and always looking for new participants.

The current version of the Watch was created to address the ever-increasing number of people in our parks and on the beaches, coupled with a disturbing number of complaints from the membership. The complaints range from too much K9 excrement left on the trails, to threats of violence against members by trespassers feeling entitled, and everything in between: garbage, booze parties, and so on. It's important for our members to understand that we need to maintain the Sand Castle properties as they were initially intended, and as we understood when we bought here. The beaches and parks are owned communally by the 150 lot owners here and are to be used by us and our guests only. Allowing non members to use our facilities without invitation may lead to serious liability issues for us. There is only 1 insurer in Canada that insures common parkland, and we need to mitigate the chance of any liability claims. Simply put, the more people who use our property, the higher our risk for claims. And with only one insurer available, the higher the risk for policy cancellation when claims are made. Without insurance coverage, we simply cannot operate safely.

With the tremendous increase in local population, coupled with an unprecedented inflow of non-local trespassing traffic, we are faced with an issue - we either do something about or deal with the consequences. The Neighborhood Watch people are politely asking people in our parks and on our beaches if they live in our community, as it is impossible for us to recognize all property owners, their guests and renters. If they do not live in the community, they are again politely asked to leave. Our job simply put is to protect your property rights and safety, and ensure that the people using our facilities have the legal right to do so. If you see one of your watch members in the parks, please remember they are trying to do their best for our little community.

If asked if you are a member or not, or where you live, please don't be upset, but think of it as a small duty of respect we pay each in the name of mutual co-operation and community.

Dan Hopkins
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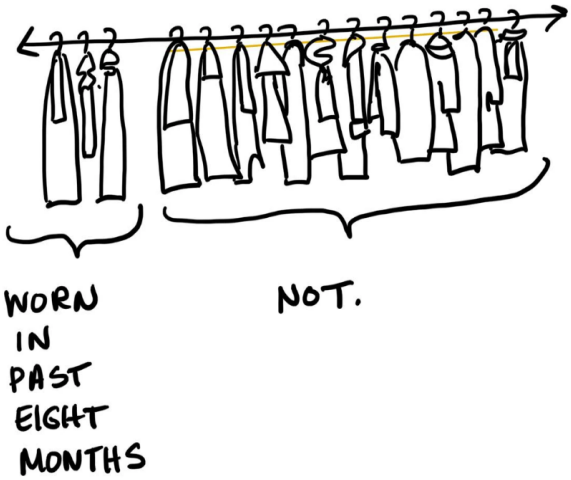
REMEMBER ALL THIS?



IT'LL SOON BE OVER FOLKS!

SCCA Executive Duties

The executive meets at least four times per year – usually for about 2 hours – to discuss SCCA issues including finances, social functions, parks, newsletters, AGM agenda and any government issues that may impact our community. We work in a cooperative and collective manner and aim for consensus in decision making. Although each member has his/her area of responsibility, we all pitch in on many different things when our colleagues need assistance.

President

Schedules executive meetings and prepares the agenda
Chairs executive meetings and Annual General Meeting
Coordinates content and production of newsletter and other written communications
Responds in writing or by phone to queries from SCCA members
Keeps informed about critical community issues in Tiny Township

Vice-President

Works with/assists President;
Chairs meetings in President's absence
Undertakes special projects that support the operation of the SCCA
May act as the SCCA liaison with Tiny Township committees and associations

Secretary/Treasurer

Prepares minutes of the AGM
Coordinates printing/mailing of SCCA newsletters
Collects and maintains records of lot levy payments
Prepares annual financial statement and presents documents at AGM
Receives and processes payments of SCCA expenditures
Coordinates collection of fees at SCCA events

Parks Director

Coordinates with park wardens re maintenance of parks and annual parks cleanup
Coordinates maintenance of SCCA equipment, and purchases gas, oil, etc for the equipment
Advises executive on purchase of new equipment
Advises on any park needs for contracting special services

Recreation Director

Plans and coordinates SCCA functions which currently include BBQ for the Parks clean up volunteers; the annual summer BBQ; the Corn Boil at the AGM
Participates in the general planning and operation of the SCCA

Youth Director

Develops ideas and activities to appeal to you in Sand Castle
Implements and promotes annual activities such as Youth Day

A Little History of Sand Castle

Sand Castle Beach was purchased by Tom Forbes in the early 1960s. He bought the property from Mrs. King, whose husband had just died and decided to sell the land. Forbes began to develop the land in 1963 with the company Sand Castle Estate Limited. At this time there were no services to the area and it was an isolated community. It was a major undertaking as the area was covered in juniper bushes, rocks, poison ivy and trees and he had to truck in sand to create the beach. The 17th concession at the time was a one lane dirt road, one would have to honk going down the hill to ensure that no one would drive up the other side. At the bottom of the 17th was a little store owned by Mrs. Wilson.

The Forbes' cottage was built in 1967 by a local Lafontaine builder. Tom began to sell lots - asking $1,200 for waterfront lots and $800 for the back lots Different ethnic groups came to Sandcastle including large groups of Italians, Germans, Polish, Ukrainians and Greeks to name a few. The Sand Castle Community Association was created to own, pay the taxes and maintain the parkland.

The name Sandcastle comes from the movement of the beach sand caused by the wind blowing around Gindley Point which would make the beach look like different sandcastles every season.

The picture above is of Asselin Beach, which is located directly to the south of our boat ramp. This park was donated to Tiny Township by Tom Forbes in the period of 1974 -1976, for the enjoyment of surrounding residents.

SAND CASTLE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION-SUMMARY OF EXPENSES
July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021

EXPENSES	2020	2021
PARKS TAXES	$ 742.44	$ 1,228.39
DIR/ PARKS INSURANCE	$ 2,000.16	$ 2,000.16
BBQ/FEST	$ 2,225.54	$ -
CORN ROAST	$ 88.82	$ -
SPRING CLEAN UP	$ -	$ -
PORTABLE WASHROOM	$ 502.85	$ -
PRINTING/STATIONARY	$ 253.00	$ 60.90
OFFICE EQUIP/SUPPLIES	$ 125.25	$ 269.24
POSTAGE	$ 719.19	$ 314.09
HONORARIUM/SECRETARY/TREASURER	$ 1,650.00	$ 1,650.00
PARKS EQUIPMENT/REPAIRS	$ -	$ -
NEW EQUIPMENT/TRACTOR	$ -	$ -
TREE PLANTING	$ -	$ -
BANK FEES	$ 56.40	$ 46.75
PARKS MAINTENANCE	$ 4,112.49	$969.39
PARKS MAINTENCE - GAS	$ -	$427.33
PARKS MAINTENANCE - LABOUR	$ -	$375.00
PARKS MAINTENANCE - GYPSY MOTHS (btk, lures, traps)		$550.00
SMALL MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT	$ -	
GRASS CUTTING	$ 1,440.00	$ 1,440.00
BOAT RAMP	$ 300.00	$ 367.04
BBQ RAFFLE DONATION	$ 255.00	$ -
EXECUTIVE HONORARIUM	$ 1,750.00	$ 1,750.00
FIREWORKS	$ -	
KIDS DAY	$ 120.02	
EMERGENCY BEACH EROSION	$ 3,390.00	
PARK SIGNS		$ 1,026.74
BEACH WATCH		$ 369.70
MEMBER DEPOSIT ERROR ($250 is included in deposit-membership)		$ 250.00
COMPUTER FOR SCCA		$ 1,218.12
MEMORIALS		$ 295.21
TOTAL EXPENSES	$ 19,731.16	$ 14,608.06
REVENUE		
BANK OPENING BALANCE	$ 14,900.79	$ 20,499.63
DEPOSIT-MEMBERSHIP	$ 24,150.00	$ 26,845.00
BBQFEST REV	$ 450.50	$ -
CORN ROAST REV	$ 49.50	$ -
BOAT RAMPMAINT FUND	$ 25.00	$ 270.00
BBQ DONATION GBGH	$ 255.00	$ -
PARKS EROSION DONATION	$ 400.00	$ 50.00
PARKS DONATION		$ 100.00
INSURANCE POLICY REBATE		
TOTAL REVENUE	$ 40,230.79	$ 47,764.63
TOTAL EXPENSES	$ 19,731.16	
CLOSING BALANCE 2020	$20, 499.63	
SUB BALANCE 2021		$ 33,156.57
Reserve funds per constitution $5,000.00	$ 15,499.63	$ 28,156.57
CLOSING BALANCE		
Balance after projected expenses		$ 22,156.57

* Seedlings donated by Severn Sound Environmental

2021 Projected Expenses Not Yet Incurred
Secretary Honorarium, Taxes, Retaining Wall repair Beach 3
AGM expenses $6,000.00

SAND CASTLE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

Saturday, August 28, 2021 @ 2 p.m.

Welcome and Introduction of Executive

President's Report

Vice-President's Report

Treasurer's Report

Park Director's Report

Recreation Director's Report

Youth Director's Report

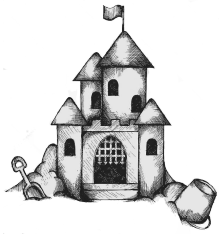
New Business

- Neighbourhood Watch
- Trespassing Issues
- Questions from Members and Open Discussion Points

Election of New Executive for 2021 – 2023

Closing Remarks

Refreshments



SAND CASTLE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
2021 RULES AND REGULATIONS

We are very lucky to live in a lovely area of Ontario, and it is rare to have properties with access to four parks, four beaches and a boat ramp to enjoy. More houses are being built in the SCCA, and more people are living here full time, which means that our communal areas are becoming busier than ever. Because each of us are partial owners of these areas, and share ownership with 140+ other families, it is important that we respect the area that we share with our neighbours. Please be considerate and respectful of our SCCA community and the beautiful nature we have available to enjoy.

In order for us to fully enjoy our shared spaces, it is important for all of us to be aware of, and abide by the following rules for the parks, beaches and ramp:

SCCA shared properties are to be used only by members of the SCCA who have paid their annual dues on a timely basis. Your guests and renters may also use the property. Boat ramp members must be present if guests or renters are using the boat ramp.

Fires and barbeques – are not allowed in the shared spaces. Please feel free to have picnics, but do not include foods that need to be cooked on site.

For fires that you have on your personal property, you must have a fire permit issued by Tiny Township. Please do not burn if the wind is blowing more than 20 kph. If there is a fire ban in the Township you cannot have a fire. Do not dispose of ashes in the parks as this is a fire hazard.

Beaches and Parks – please leave the beaches and parks at the end of your daily visit as you've found them. Do not leave any garbage, chairs, beach toys, kayaks, canoes etc. on the beach. There will be a portable toilet in Park 4 again, so please use it or your own homes when nature calls – do not use the beach as a toilet.

We had hoped to do a trial providing fixed kayak/canoe racks at the beaches, but our lawyers and insurer have ruled against it for liability reasons.

If you take your pet to the beaches or through the parks, please ensure they are leashed, and you clean up their waste.

If you choose to smoke on the beaches or in the parks, please be respectful of other SCCA members that are present. Please smoke a respectful distance from others and remove all cigarette butts when you leave.

Please remember that the beaches are shared, and relatively small, so for the enjoyment of all SCCA members, please be respectful and share the space.

Parks – do not dispose of your yard waste or leaves in the parks.

Motorized Vehicles – are not allowed in the parks/beaches. The only exception is SCCA vehicles which are required for parks cleanup, maintenance and security/patrols.

No camping – on shared property.

Loud music – please keep your volume to a low level.

We thank you for adhering to these rules, ***which apply to all homeowners, renters and guests.*** **You are responsible for any damage on shared property, whether it is caused by you, your guests, or your renters.**

Thank you for your adherence to these rules.